



MEETING NOTICE

HABITAT PDT / MAFMC EFH FMAT JOINT WEBINAR

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- The purpose of this meeting will be to continue work on the 10 components required of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) review including Component 2 (fishing effects on EFH) and the EFH Review Report for the Councils. The PDT will be convened with the MAFMC EFH Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT), as several of the technical reports apply to the entire Northeastern US and are being co-developed with the FMAT.
- The PDT and FMAT will also receive an update on a research project in the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area from staff at Coonamessett Farm Foundation.
- The PDT and FMAT may discuss other business, as necessary.

Online access: This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/99123120696?pwd=sPk796g5GAVCiNPcmqPtU2baejHY8W.1>. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

Call in information: After registering you will be e-mailed meeting information, including a call-in number. Please note that this is not a toll-free number.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Development Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast, but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committee. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.